

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BRIAN RUSSELL,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant.

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**BLOOM, United States Magistrate Judge:**

The Court held an initial conference in *pro se*<sup>1</sup> plaintiff's civil rights action on January 16, 2025. Plaintiff appeared *pro se*. Joseph Zangrilli appeared on behalf of City of New York and Jack McLaughlin appeared under the supervision of Joseph Zangrilli.

Immediately before the conference, plaintiff executed the § 160.50 releases defendant requested. Defendant shall respond to the Court's Valentin Order by February 27, 2025. The Court shall hold a status conference in this matter on February 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 11A South of the United States Courthouse, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York. The parties are encouraged to discuss settlement.

SO ORDERED.

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/S/  
LOIS BLOOM  
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: January 16, 2025  
Brooklyn, New York

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<sup>1</sup> The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to mail *pro se* plaintiff a courtesy copy of the *Pro Se Handbook*.

Plaintiff is advised that he may contact the City Bar Justice Center Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project at 212-382-4729 for limited legal assistance. He may also contact the Court's Pro Se Office for information regarding Court procedures by calling 718-613-2665.